



Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled STANDARDIZED BINDING ELEMENTS (Attorney Docket No. 017673-9042-01), the specification of which was filed with my authority, on April 14, 2005 as Application Serial No. 10/531,628 (which is a 371 National Phase of PCT/US2003/33386, filed on October 21, 2003).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to above.

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Application Serial No.
60/420,022

Filing Date
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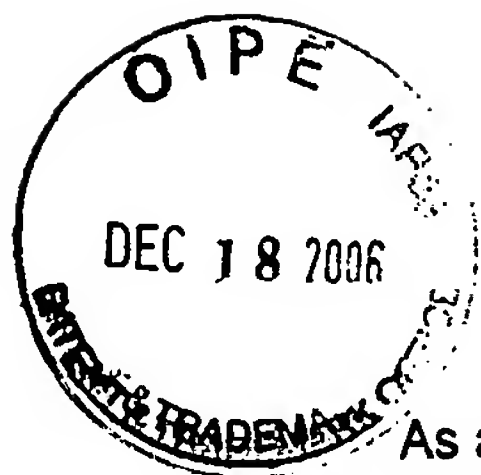
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